

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

1-79. (Canceled)

80. (Currently Amended) A method implemented by a television set-top terminal (STT) coupled via a bi-directional communication network to a server located remotely from the said STT in a cable television headend, said method comprising steps of:

receiving via a tuner in the STT a video presentation provided by the server
located in the cable television headend, wherein the video presentation is a video-on-demand presentation;

outputting by the STT at least a portion of the video presentation as a video-on-demand television signal;

receiving a first user input associated with bookmarking a visual scene contained in the video presentation, including receiving a character sequence to be assigned to the visual scene while the video presentation is being presented to the user;

storing information related to ~~said~~ the visual scene in a memory of the STT responsive to receiving the first user input, including storing only in the memory of the STT information related to the visual scene in response to receiving the first user input, including storing only in the memory of the STT data corresponding to the character sequence in response to receiving the user input configured to assign the character sequence to the visual scene;

outputting by the STT at least another portion of the video presentation as a video-on-demand television signal ~~after the information has been stored in the memory of the STT;~~

receiving a second user input configured to request ~~said~~ the visual scene in ~~said~~ the video presentation after the STT has output the at least another portion of the video presentation; and

outputting by the STT a video-on-demand television signal comprising a portion

of ~~said~~ the video presentation starting from a location corresponding to ~~said~~ the visual scene responsive to the second user input, wherein the location corresponding to ~~said~~ the visual scene is identified by the STT using the information related to ~~said~~ the visual scene, including using information related to the visual scene stored only in the STT;
~~receiving a user input configured to assign a character sequence to said visual scene in said video presentation;~~
~~storing data corresponding to said character sequence in a memory of the STT responsive to receiving the user input configured to assign a character sequence; and~~
~~providing said character sequence simultaneously with an image corresponding to said visual scene responsive to subsequent user input;~~
~~wherein said user input configured to assign a character sequence is received while said video presentation is being presented to said user; and~~
~~wherein the above steps are executed by the STT.~~

81. (Canceled)

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, further comprising receiving a plurality of user inputs configured to assign a plurality of respective character sequences corresponding to a plurality of respective visual scenes that were bookmarked responsive to a plurality of respective user inputs.

83. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 80, further comprising the step of:
receiving a user input configured to request information related to ~~said~~ the visual scene in ~~said~~ the video presentation; and
providing the requested information responsive to receiving the user input configured to request information.

84. (Canceled)

85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 84, further comprising outputting information confirming that the visual scene has been bookmarked, wherein the information overlays a minority portion of a television screen being used to display the video presentation.
86. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 85, wherein ~~said~~ the information confirming that the visual scene has been bookmarked includes at least one of a banner and an icon.
- 87 - 89. (Canceled)
90. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 80, wherein ~~said~~ the visual scene is associated with a bookmark list associated with a plurality of visual scenes associated with a plurality of respective user inputs.
91. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, further comprising associating a plurality of visual scenes with a plurality of respective bookmark lists associated with a plurality of respective users responsive to a plurality of respective user inputs.
92. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, further comprising associating a plurality of visual scenes with a plurality of respective bookmark lists associated with a plurality of respective video presentations responsive to a plurality of respective user inputs.
93. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 80, further comprising:
after expiration of a rental access period corresponding to the video presentation,
prompting ~~said~~ the user to provide input indicating whether ~~said~~ the information is to be deleted from the memory of the STT.
94. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 80, further comprising:
storing an image corresponding to ~~said~~ the visual scene in a memory of the STT responsive to receiving the first user input.

95. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 80, wherein ~~said~~ the second user input requesting ~~said~~ the visual scene corresponds to a thumbnail image corresponding to the visual scene, ~~said~~ the thumbnail image being simultaneously provided with a plurality of thumbnail images corresponding to a plurality of visual scenes in the video presentation.

96. (Currently Amended) A television set-top terminal (STT) coupled via a bi-directional communication network to a server located remotely from ~~said~~ the STT in a cable television headend, said STT comprising:
- a tuner configured to receive a motion video presentation provided by the server located in the cable television headend, wherein the video presentation is a video-on-demand presentation;
 - a memory; and
 - a processor that is programmed to enable the STT to:
 - output at least a portion of the motion video presentation as a video-on-demand television signal;
 - store information related to a visual scene contained in the motion video presentation only in the memory of the STT responsive to the STT receiving a first user input associated with said the visual scene, without stopping output of the motion video presentation, wherein the first user input includes a character sequence to be assigned to the visual scene, and wherein the information related to the visual scene includes data corresponding to the character sequence;
 - output at least another portion of the motion video presentation as a video-on-demand television signal after the information has been stored in the memory; and
 - output responsive to the STT receiving a second user input a video-on-demand television signal comprising a portion of said the motion video presentation starting from a location corresponding to said the visual scene, including using information related to the visual scene stored only the memory of the STT;
 - ~~receive a user input configured to assign a character sequence to said visual scene;~~
 - ~~store data corresponding to said character sequence in the memory responsive to receiving user input configured to assign a character sequence while said motion video presentation is being presented to said user; and~~

~~provide said character sequence simultaneously with an image
corresponding to said visual scene,
wherein the above steps are executed by the STT;
wherein the location corresponding to said visual scene is identified by the STT
using the information related to said visual scene; and~~
wherein the video-on-demand television signal comprising the portion of ~~said~~ the
motion video presentation starting from a location corresponding to ~~said~~
the visual scene is output after the at least another portion of the motion
video presentation is output as a video-on-demand television signal.

97. (Currently Amended) The STT of claim 96, wherein ~~said~~ the visual scene is associated with a bookmark list associated with a plurality of visual scenes corresponding to a plurality of respective user inputs.
98. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the processor is programmed to associate a plurality of visual scenes with a plurality of respective bookmark lists associated with a plurality of respective users responsive to a plurality of respective user inputs.
99. (Previously Presented) The STT of claim 96, wherein the processor is programmed to associate a plurality of visual scenes with a plurality of respective bookmark lists associated with a plurality of respective motion video presentations responsive to a plurality of respective user inputs.
100. (Currently Amended) The STT of claim 96, wherein the processor is configured to prompt ~~said~~ the user to provide input indicating whether ~~said~~ the data is to be deleted from the memory of the STT.
101. (Currently Amended) The STT of claim 96, wherein the processor is configured to enable the STT to store in the memory an image corresponding to ~~said~~ the visual scene responsive to receiving the first user input.

102-121. (Canceled)

122. (Newly Added) A method implemented by a television set-top terminal (STT) coupled via a bi-directional communication network to a server located remotely from the STT in a cable headend, said method comprising:

- receiving via a tuner in the STT a portion of a video-on-demand presentation provided by the server located in the cable television headend;
- outputting by the STT a portion of the video-on-demand presentation;
- receiving user input from a user associated with stopping the video-on-demand presentation;
- stopping output of the video-on-demand presentation responsive to receiving user input associated with stopping the video-on-demand presentation at a location in the video-on-demand presentation;
- accessing a data structure containing pre-assigned bookmark names for various locations in the video-on-demand presentation;
- presenting to the user a plurality of selectable bookmark name options, including a default bookmark name option based upon the location in the video-on-demand presentation at which output of the video-on-demand presentation is stopped;
- receiving user input selecting one selectable bookmark name option from the plurality of selectable bookmark name options;
- storing information only in the STT regarding the selected bookmark name option and the location in the video-on-demand presentation at which output of the video-on-demand presentation was stopped;
- providing to the user an option for continuing output of the video-on-demand presentation;
- receiving input from the user selecting the option for continuing output of the video-on-demand presentation;

outputting by the STT the next portion of the video-on-demand presentation immediately following the location in the video-on-demand presentation at which output of the video-on-demand presentation was stopped; receiving input associated with requesting output of the video-on-demand presentation starting at the location in the video-on-demand presentation at which output of the video-on-demand presentation was stopped; and outputting by the STT the video-on-demand presentation starting at the location in the video-on-demand presentation at which output of the video-on-demand presentation was stopped.